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The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolutions 49/108 of 19 December 1994, 51/170 of 16 December 1996, 53/177 of 15 December 1998, 55/187 of 20 December 2000, 57/243 of 20 December 2002, 59/249 of 22 December 2004, 61/215 of 20 December 2006, 63/231 of 19 December 2008 and 65/175 of 20 December 2010 on industrial development cooperation, and its resolution 65/151 of 16 February 2011 designating 2012 as the International Year of Sustainable Energy for All,

Recalling also the United Nations Millennium Declaration,[1] the Monterrey Consensus of the International Conference on Financing for Development[2] and the Plan of Implementation of the World Summit on Sustainable Development ("Johannesburg Plan of Implementation"),[3]

Recalling further the 2005 World Summit Outcome[4] and its resolution 60/265 of 30 June 2006 on the follow-up to the development outcome of the 2005 World Summit, including the Millennium Development Goals and the other internationally agreed development goals,

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[1] See resolution 55/2.

[2] *Report of the International Conference on Financing for Development, Monterrey, Mexico, 18-22 March 2002* (United Nations publication, Sales No. E.02.II.A.7), chap. I, resolution 1, annex.

[3] *Report of the World Summit on Sustainable Development, Johannesburg, South Africa, 26 August-4 September 2002* (United Nations publication, Sales No. E.03.II.A.1 and corrigendum), chap. I, resolution 2, annex.

[4] See resolution 60/1.

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Recalling the United Nations Conference on Sustainable Development, held in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, from 20 to 22 June 2012, and its outcome document, entitled "The future we want",[5]

Recognizing the importance of achieving sustainable development in a comprehensive manner, integrating the economic, social and environmental dimensions,

Stressing that industrial development comprises more than the development of the manufacturing sector alone, encompassing aspects of energy, agro-industry, infrastructure and logistics, science, technology and innovation and human resources development and education, as well as the development of the mining sector,

Recalling the High-level Plenary Meeting of the General Assembly on the Millennium Development Goals and its resolution 65/1 of 19 October 2010 adopting its outcome document,

Recognizing that industrialization is an essential driver of sustained inclusive and equitable economic growth, sustainable development and poverty and hunger eradication in developing countries and countries with economies in transition, including the least developed countries, landlocked developing countries and African countries, through, inter alia, the creation of decent productive employment, income generation and the facilitation of social integration, including the integration of women and youth into the economic growth process, and that it plays a key role in maintaining social stability and cohesion,

Stressing the importance of international industrial cooperation to promote equitable and sustainable patterns of industrial development and to address major challenges such as poverty eradication; growth and jobs; resource efficiency; energy, pollution and climate change; shifting demographics; knowledge creation and transfer; and the narrowing of growing inequalities,

Recognizing the role of the business community, including the private sector, in enhancing the dynamic process of the development of the industrial sector, underlining the importance of the benefits of foreign direct investment in that process, and recognizing also, in this regard, that an enabling domestic environment is vital for mobilizing domestic resources, increasing productivity, reducing capital flight, encouraging the private sector and making effective use of international investment and assistance, and that efforts to create such an environment should be supported by the international community,

Recognizing also the important and positive role of micro, small and medium-sized enterprise clusters and organizations in the social and solidarity economy field, including cooperatives, as vehicles for promoting small-scale industry and for the implementation of the development goals, including the Millennium Development Goals, in fields such as employment policy, social integration, regional and rural development, agriculture and environmental protection,

Underscoring the importance of the transfer of technology and knowledge networking on mutually agreed terms to developing countries as an effective means

[5] Resolution 66/288, annex.

of international cooperation in the pursuit of the eradication of poverty and hunger and of sustainable development,

Noting the important role played by the United Nations Industrial Development Organization, including in the development of the public and private sectors, productivity growth, trade capacity-building, corporate social responsibility, environmental protection, energy access, energy efficiency, the promotion of renewable sources of energy and the implementation of energy interconnection initiatives among developing countries,

1. *Takes note with appreciation* of the report of the Director-General of the United Nations Industrial Development Organization;[6]

2. *Reaffirms* the importance of industrial development cooperation, inter alia, for the strengthening of productive capacities and the creation of decent jobs in developing countries, in particular in favour of women, youth and vulnerable communities, the development of the private sector and entrepreneurship, the fostering of technological change and innovation, trade capacity-building, the promotion of agro-industry, training, education, resource-efficient and cleaner production, an enabling environment for the transfer of technology, on mutually agreed terms, and knowledge transfer and networking;

3. *Emphasizes* the need to promote, in the context of industrial development, gender equality and the empowerment of women at all levels and in decision-making processes;

4. *Reaffirms* the essential contribution of industrial development to the achievement of the internationally agreed development goals, including the Millennium Development Goals;

5. *Stresses* that the lack of a dynamic industrial and manufacturing sector is one of the factors that can lead to a widening of the income gap between rich and poor and to the erosion of social protection nets;

6. *Encourages* giving appropriate consideration to the issue of industrial development cooperation in the elaboration of the development agenda beyond 2015;

7. *Emphasizes* that each country must take primary responsibility for its own industrial development, that national ownership and leadership are indispensable in the development process and that the role of national policies, domestic resources and development strategies cannot be overemphasized;

8. *Also emphasizes* that national efforts should be supported by development partners, as appropriate, and need to be complemented by a rules-based multilateral trading system that facilitates trade and provides opportunities for developing countries to broaden their competitive export base by strengthening their capacities and facilitating the structural transformation and diversification of their economies, which can help to promote economic growth and development;

9. *Further emphasizes* that, in order to create the right environment for sustainable industrial development, the international community and the private sector, as appropriate, should accelerate measures to facilitate the development,

[6] A/67/223.

transfer and diffusion of environmentally sound technologies on mutually agreed terms, to developing countries;

10. *Emphasizes* the mutually reinforcing linkages between the quality and scope of national public services provided for the realization of economic and social rights and long-term sustained economic growth associated with energy and material efficiency gains in productive sectors;

11. *Recognizes* the key role of the United Nations Industrial Development Organization in promoting sustainable industrial development, industrial innovation and mainstreaming science and technology into national productive systems, and welcomes its clear programmatic focus on three thematic priorities, namely, poverty reduction through productive activities, trade capacity-building, and environment and energy;

12. *Underlines* the importance of promoting sustained, inclusive and equitable economic growth through industrial means and through adequate national and regional strategies;

13. *Recognizes* that the mobilization of financial resources for development and the effective use of all of those resources are central to the global partnership for development, including in support of the achievement of the internationally agreed development goals, including the Millennium Development Goals, and also recognizes that the mobilization of domestic and international resources and an enabling domestic and international environment are key drivers for development;

14. *Notes* the importance placed by the United Nations Industrial Development Organization on South-South cooperation and triangular cooperation, inter alia, through its centres for South-South industrial cooperation and through the promotion of various forms of public and private partnerships and the exchange of experience in private sector development at the global, regional, subregional and country levels;

15. *Also notes* the continued cooperation of the United Nations Industrial Development Organization with the entities of the United Nations system, including the specialized agencies, funds and programmes, as well as its active role in the UN-Energy mechanism;

16. *Invites* the United Nations Industrial Development Organization to continue to build and strengthen its partnerships with other United Nations organizations with complementary mandates and activities, as well as with other entities, including in the private sector and civil society, with a view to achieving greater effectiveness and development impact and promoting increased coherence within the United Nations system;

17. *Takes note* of the development challenges highlighted by the United Nations Industrial Development Organization, including economic growth and employment and decent work for all, food security and nutrition, resource efficiency, energy, pollution and climate change, which includes growing inequalities, and the need for knowledge creation, transfer of technology and capacity-building in developing countries, which should be addressed through industrial development cooperation;

18. *Notes* the importance placed by the United Nations Industrial Development Organization on technology transfer and knowledge networking as means to achieve sustainable industrial development;

19. *Welcomes* the ongoing support of the United Nations Industrial Development Organization for the New Partnership for Africa's Development,[7] the African Agribusiness and Agro-industries Development Initiative, the Pharmaceutical Manufacturing Plan for Africa and other programmes of the African Union aimed at further strengthening the industrialization process in Africa through, inter alia, its role as the convener of the industry, trade and market access cluster of the regional consultation meetings led by the Economic Commission for Africa;

20. *Emphasizes* the importance of regional cooperation for industrial development, and calls upon the international community and the relevant international and regional organizations to provide support for this cooperation;

21. *Encourages* the United Nations Industrial Development Organization to continue to assist developing countries, including the least developed countries and African countries, in participating in productive activities, inter alia, through the development of agro-industry and agribusiness, the promotion of South-South cooperation and technology transfer, on mutually agreed terms, its diffusion and adoption, building to engage in international trade through small and medium-sized enterprise development and support, as appropriate, in meeting international product and process standards, and the integration of women and youth into the development process;

22. *Encourages* regional, subregional and interregional cooperation as a platform for international industrial cooperation aiming to promote investments and technology transfer on mutually agreed terms to disseminate good policies and practices as well as to foster job creation, including for youth and women;

23. *Calls upon* the United Nations Industrial Development Organization to play an active role in implementing the quadrennial comprehensive policy review of operational activities for development and General Assembly resolution 64/289 of 2 July 2010 on system-wide coherence;

24. *Encourages* the United Nations Industrial Development Organization to support developing countries, upon request, to achieve sustainable development, including through support for policies in the context of sustainable development and poverty eradication, and to promote environmentally sound and sustainable production, including through programmes on cleaner production, industrial water management, industrial energy efficiency and the utilization of efficient, modern and affordable forms of energy for productive use, especially in rural areas, through continued cooperation with United Nations organizations and other organizations in order to support the achievement of multilateral environmental agreements and promote global goals on access to modern forms of energy, on energy efficiency and on renewable energy;

25. *Recalls* in this regard the celebration of the Vienna Energy Forum 2011, which facilitated the international dialogue towards, inter alia, enhanced political support for the energy access agenda;

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[7] A/57/304, annex.

26. *Encourages* the United Nations Industrial Development Organization to strengthen its role in assisting developing countries to create and disseminate knowledge, inter alia, by making use of its global network of centres for investment and technology promotion, resource-efficient and cleaner production and South-South cooperation, as well as through its Institute for Capacity Development and Networks for Prosperity initiative;

27. *Reiterates* the importance of promoting the creation and development of micro, small and medium-sized enterprises as a strategy to achieve industrial development, economic dynamism and poverty and hunger eradication, including through the mobilization of resources and measures to foster sustainable and inclusive development;

28. *Acknowledges* the importance of reporting on corporate sustainability, and encourages companies, where appropriate, especially publicly listed and large companies, to consider integrating sustainability information into their reporting cycle, and encourages industry, interested Governments and relevant stakeholders, with the support of the United Nations system, as appropriate, to develop models for best practices and to facilitate action for the integration of sustainability reporting, taking into account experiences from already existing frameworks and paying particular attention to the needs of developing countries, including for capacity-building;

29. *Stresses* the importance of the activities of the United Nations Industrial Development Organization, within its mandate, to support the efforts of middle-income countries to eradicate poverty, reduce inequalities and achieve their development goals, including the Millennium Development Goals, and to achieve sustainable development;

30. *Encourages* the United Nations Industrial Development Organization to continue to develop its effectiveness in each of its four capacities of technical cooperation, research and analysis, normative assistance and global forum activities, with the aim of enhancing the quality of the services it provides to developing countries and countries with economies in transition;

31. *Requests* the Secretary-General to submit to the General Assembly, at its sixty-ninth session, a report on the implementation of the present resolution.